

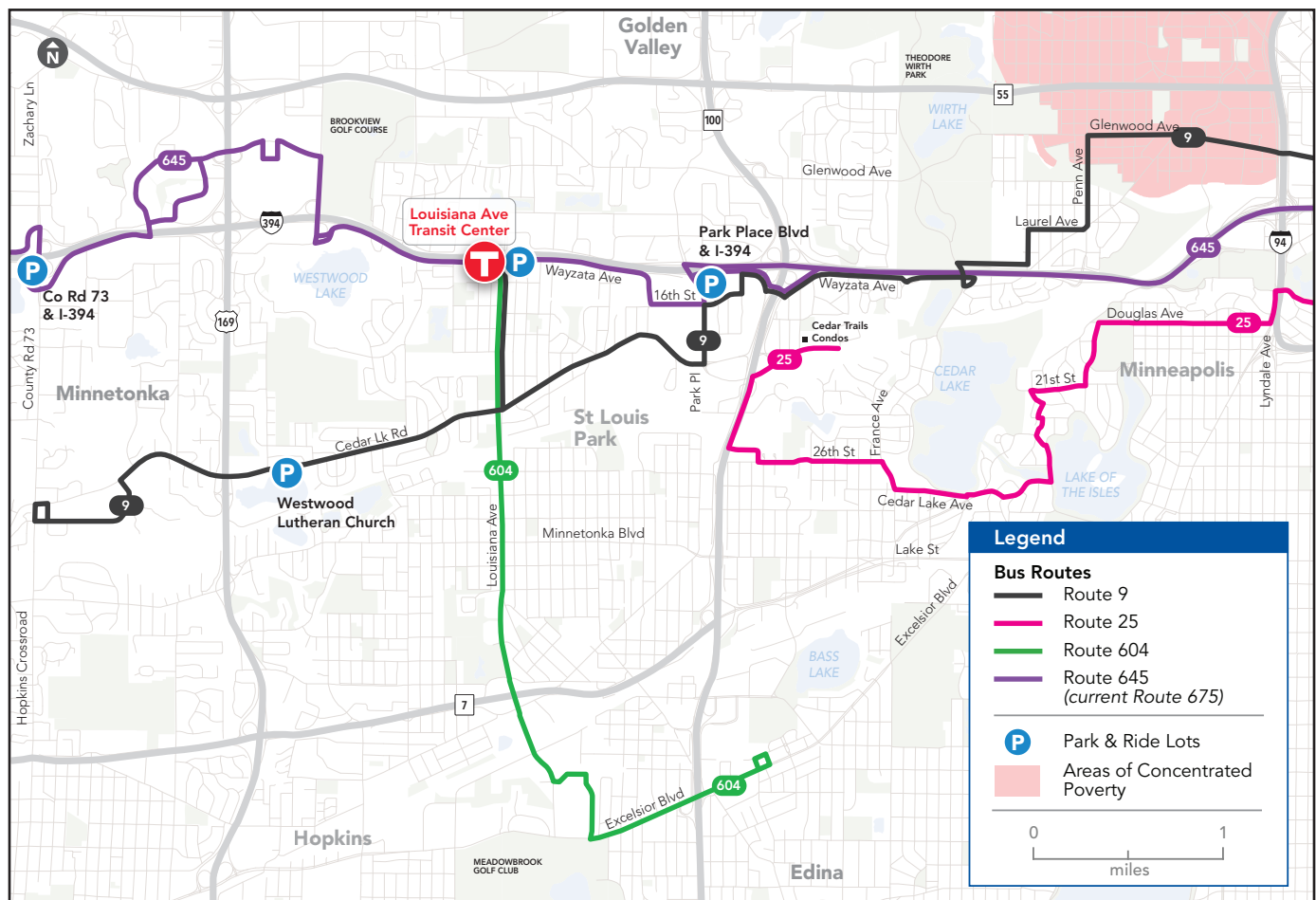
# West End & Route 9 Transit Study



Recommended changes to Routes 9, 25, 604, 649 and 675 in Minneapolis, Golden Valley, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka, centered around the West End near I-394 & Hwy. 100.

Service changes are planned for implementation in August 2017.

## Recommended Plan



## Project Goals

Simplifying Route 9 by eliminating some route branches

Providing faster connections between the West End and downtown

Making schedules for existing service more reliable

Eliminating under-used or redundant route segments

## Recommended Plan

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**Route 9:** Simplified from six variations to two branches. Proposed eliminations:

- on Cedar Lake Rd. between Penn and Glenwood
- 9B service along Xenia and Glenwood Ave. west of Penn
- 9H service south of I-394 along Cedar Lake Pkwy., Cedar Lake Rd. and Ewing/France

All trips will serve Glenwood and Penn in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood, providing more frequent service and consistent routing. All trips will also serve Laurel and Upton avenues and the West End via Wayzata, Utica, 16th St. and Park Place.

Route 9H service on 26th St. and Barry St. will be replaced by Route 25.

Route 9D between Louisiana Transit Center and Park Place Blvd. will be replaced by new Route 645.

Route 9N midday service on Cedar Lake Rd. west of Louisiana Ave. to the Greenbrier area in Minnetonka will be increased to every hour on weekdays.

Weekday morning and afternoon rush-hour frequency south and west of downtown will be adjusted from 20 to 30 minutes on the edges of rush hours and from 15 to 20 minutes during the heart of rush hour.

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**Route 25:** At France and Cedar Lake avenues, the route will be revised to serve eliminated segments of routes 9H and 649. The four-block segment on France between Cedar Lake Ave. and Lake St. will be eliminated. Alternate service is available on Lake St. via Route 17.

Four a.m. trips from downtown and two p.m. trips to downtown will be eliminated due to low ridership.

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**Route 604:** The portion of the route between Louisiana Transit Center and Park Place Boulevard and Wayzata Boulevard is proposed for elimination and will be replaced by new Route 645.

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**Route 649:** Route 649 would be eliminated and replaced by routes 9, 25 and new Route 645. Customers currently boarding on Louisiana Ave. and Cedar Lake Rd. west of Park Place will instead be served by Route 9.

Customers currently boarding on Cedar Lake Rd. east of Hwy. 100 will instead be served by Route 25.

Those using the Park Place Park & Ride and those commuting to West End jobs on Route 649 will be served by new Route 645.

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**Route 675/  
new Route 645:** Express Route 675 will become new limited-stop Route 645, which travels on local streets between Park Place and Louisiana Transit Center, thus offering less expensive (local fare) service between downtown Minneapolis and the West End via I-394 all days of the week. There will be 32 percent more service to the West End and travel time will be 16 minutes faster than on Route 9.

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### Next Steps

Community meeting:

**Tuesday, March 21, 5 - 7 p.m.**  
**(presentation at 5:30 p.m.)**

Showplace ICON Theatre Community Room  
1625 West End Boulevard, St. Louis Park

Served by Route 9 (on Park Place Blvd.)

### Questions?

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